

computing system in accordance with the present invention. As the Examiner has suggested, the Applicant moved Appendixes A-C to Figures 18-20 in the prior amendment. The Applicant also added a brief description of these Figures in the appropriate section as well as corrected all references to these Appendixes to the new Figure numbers. Because this material was included with the application as originally filed, no new matter is being added with this amendment. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully maintains that the specification is now in condition for allowance.

In the recent Office Action, the Examiner stated on page 3 that "the brief Description of these new sheets cannot be found in the amendment submitted on 12/30/99." The applicant would draw the Examiner's attention to page 5 of the prior amendment in which the applicant amended the specification as follows:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 5, at the end of the Brief Description of the Drawings Section, please add the following text:

-- Fig. 18 a-o illustrate an example proposal from USA TODAY to UNIGLOBE TRAVEL according to one embodiment of the present invention.

Fig. 19 a-p illustrate an example proposal from CLEAR WITH COMPUTERS, INC. to MERCHANT & GOULD according to another embodiment of the present invention.

Fig. 20 a-n illustrate an example proposal from USA TODAY to UNIGLOBE TRAVEL according to yet another embodiment of the present invention. --

The Applicant maintains that the above amendment to the specification satisfies the requirements of the Brief Description of the Drawings.

The Applicant also points out that formal drawings are being filed concurrently along with the instant amendment. These formal drawings include drawings for these new Figures. Figs. 18-20 illustrate a proposal generated by the present invention and illustrate graphics which illustrate the customized proposal for a customer of a selling entity as recited within the claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above arguments, it is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections are kindly requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

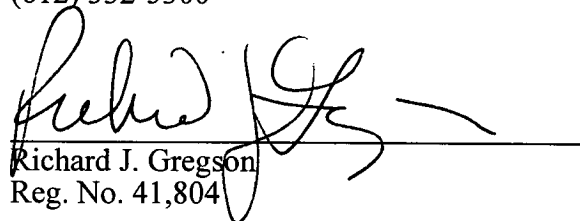
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